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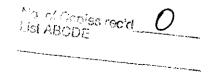
Ms. Karen Majcher
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20036

RE: Certification for High Cost Universal Service Support; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Majcher:

On May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) modified its rules for receipt of high cost universal service support for the Nation's rural telecommunications carriers. The Commission's order requires the New York State Department of Public Service (NYDPS) to certify that all rural eligible telecommunications carriers in New York State are using universal service support for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services, consistent with §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act (the Act) by October 1, 2005.

Enclosed is a list of the thirty-nine (39) New York State telecommunications carriers the NYDPS has determined meet the necessary requirements under §254(e) of the Act and are eligible for high cost support for the year 2006.



Letter to Ms. Karen Majcher Letter dated 9-16-05

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dawn Jablorski Ryman

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Enc.

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